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do more with less and continue to fund local state aid at the same level. We may have to figure out how to do this, but at least we will be deciding for ourselves what we can and cannot do. We have not afforded local subdivisions that same luxury. And I think home rule charter is one way that we can at least be fair with the local subdivisions that if they believe that merger and consolidation is something that they want, if they believe that it will save them money, we're not going to make that decision for them. If they believe it, then they have an opportunity to have a process that is much more locally driven than anything that we could determine. It gives them the greatest flexibility but it...and allows them to invent themselves, invent what they're going to look like if that is their choice. So this vote that we are going to take is really about whether we believe that individuals within counties and within communities should have as much flexibility and as much power, power as possible to determine what they are going to look like or whether we want to say, no, you can't spend money and you are going to have to meet whatever our power needs are in terms of what you're going to look like. This is really the most elemental local control vote that you can possibly take. We've taken away all of the process arguments. Those we can still argue out and there are some very valid points that have been raised by Senator Chambers in terms of representation, some very valid points that were raised by the Government Committee in terms of representation. Those issues can be determined when we adopt enabling legislation. Right now all we're saying is this is an option that we will put out to the voters, that's the first hurdle. And then it's an option if the voters of the state agree, it is an option that we will give to our local subdivisions in light of everything else we've told them. I believe that it is something that merits as much time as we are willing to take. I'm very sorry for those people who feel that we have taken up too much of the time, but...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...45CA is important and home rule charter is probably the most critical aspect that we could add to 45CA. I happen to believe that we owe it to our local subdivisions to adopt home rule charter for counties. Thank you.